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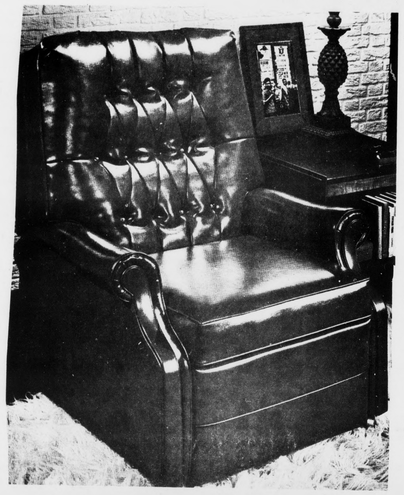

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Daniel Reports

By W. C. (Dan) Daniel
Virginia Fifth District Congressman

WASHINGTON- Two recent events involving the news-media profession merit attention at this time. Both reflect the appetite for sensationalism as evidenced by some of the news-gatherers recently exhibited.

On November 29, the WASHINGTON POST contained a front-page story about the Social Security Council meeting held on October 24-25 in Geneva prior to the worldwide conference called by the President relative to Russian actions aimed at the Middle East. The story is confusing and misleading. The meeting was reported in precisely the manner called for by the Russians.

In the issue of November 16, the Washington Letter urged the House to task for what it called a "vacation" during the Thanksgiving Week, when energy legislation needed attention. The Editor urged citizens to write or phone to members of their representatives in Congress urging those voting for the bill to pass. To save you this trouble, I will report that I voted against it.

There are two reasons why I voted as I did. First, the leadership had announced that no business would be scheduled for this week, and I had therefore accepted several invitations to speak and to meet with people in the Fifth District on matters which concerned them. Second, the energy bills which Kip-Bulwinkle mentioned were not reported out of committee at that time and in fact at this writing are still being drafted. Had we been in session, the House would have no farther along on the legislation than it is right now. There is enough reason to believe that Congress without regard to distortion.

There was no "vacation", however. We held three work-days in Amelia, Powhatan, and Appomattox. I met with students at the Clarkstavista and Tunstall High School, filled 5 speaking engagements, spent as much time in the above allowed as I was in our Danville office and had a chance to rest my voice for the Martinsville Christmas Parade. Turkey and golf were in order of business for the following Day.

As you know, the people are out in force in Washington. Local government units are proceeding with dispatch to reduce the impact of the energy crunch. Individuals, in their private lives, are likewise taking action to conserve energy at every opportunity.

The meetings with students were highlights of the week for me. I never cease to be amazed at the depth of interest and understanding of government and other matters which affect their country and future displayed by the students with whom I meet. Their questions and comments reveal a perceptiveness and awareness of amazing scope.

Land Use Planning is another subject about which people expressed concern, and not without cause. The measure which has passed the Senate would violate one of our most basic rights, that of control of private property. A substitute for the Senate bill will be proposed in the House.

Several people asked about the energy cost of our recent space probe. NASA has advised that the recent launch of SKYLAB III cost some 41,550 gallons of RPI (kerosene). This is a minimal amount, and the benefits from the program have been impressive. However, for the present, and until we have fuel to spare, future launches could well be delayed.

Another energy-related topic was year-round Daylight Saving Time. When this bill was before us, I had another one of those 51-49 percent votes to cast. While I personally prefer Daylight Saving Time, there did not appear to me sufficient evidence of energy savings to justify the adverse effect the change would have on school children who are required to ride buses long distances and on working mothers. I must admit to some puzzlement as regards the Administration's position in the matter. The President requested this in his "energy package", but the Committee Report stated:

"According to the Executive Branch, the observance of year-round Daylight Saving Time could reduce electricity and heating demands, particularly in Northern areas, by as much as 3 percent. However, no studies have been carried out and no information is available which establishes with certainty that an overall reduction in energy consumption will directly result from the year-round observance of Daylight Saving Time."

Naturally, the subject of energy received a lot of attention, and the question most frequently asked was "Why isn't Congress doing something?" For the short term, legislation to allocate the shortages is proceeding with all deliberate speed. Also, congress has appropriated nearly $1 billion for energy research and development. This ranges from coal liquification and gasification and oil shale extraction to development of more unfamiliar sources such as solar and wind power, and the use of new elements such as hydrogen for automobiles. It must be emphasized that none of this research and development barring unexpected breakthroughs in technology, can be expected to yield substantial dividends for another five to seven years, but at least we are on the path to energy self-sufficiency, a journey we started late. It is a road we must continue to follow although it will be costly.

The action by the Mideast oil monopoly will force us to do what should have been done long ago: develop our own resources. The political structure of the world is too fragile to depend on any country for our necessities.

Appingham

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Mrs. Martha Cox, of Richmond, recently spent several days with her mother, Mrs. Vinia Kress.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lester and sons, Wade and Glen, Jr., spent last week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lanty Lester in Renick, West Virginia. Mr. Wade Lewis, great - grandfather of Wade and Glen, Jr. and for whom Little Wade was named, was also present. Mr. Lewis will be 92 years young in March.

Rebecca and Paul Gunter, Jr. were among those attending a concert of The Glassroots at Longwood College on Friday night.

Get well wishes are extended to all sick and shut-in but especially to Mr. Lewis Ragland who became ill on Sunday.

Mrs. Hallie Childers spent some time recently visiting in North Carolina with friends.

The annual Christmas play presented by Pleasant Grove Baptist Church is being practiced each Sunday following Sunday School. All participants are expected to be present with their parts prepared. Preaching services are at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School immediately thereafter. Rev. Don Bryant is pastor, with Morris Cumbie serving as his assistant.

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The week of prayer for Foreign Missions was observed Wednesday at Hollywood.

Hollywood church will observe it's annual Christmas program Saturday night December 22nd at 8 p.m.

We are very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Eddie Carter. Much sympathy is extended each of her loved ones.

Mrs. F. O. Covington of Lynchburg is now a patient in the Guggenheimer Memorial Hospital. We hope she may soon be better.

Mr. Clem Woodall of Lynchburg is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mildred D. Bagby and Mr. Ornie Pickerel of Lynchburg who were married December 4th in York, S. C. We wish them much happiness.

We are very sorry to hear of the serious illness of Grandma Wooten. She is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital. She is Mrs. Claude Jennings and Mr. W. T. Wootens' mother.

Visitors Sunday of Mrs. Grover Beasley Sr. were her children Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hamlett and Brenda and Mr. Grover Beasley Jr.

Beckham

DEC. 10 Mrs. Gibbs Martin returned home from Virginia Baptist Hospital Saturday. Visiting her during the week end were Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Burge, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Martin and family, Mrs. Geraline Moore, Debbie, Gwen and T. C. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Everette Moore, Mrs. Sonny Carter, Crystal and Karen, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. Carl artin, Mrs. James Fairful and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burge visited Mrs. Beulah Goodbar and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell Sunday afternoon.

The Christian Fellowship Class of Trinity Church School enjoyed a picnic lunch at the church Sunday.

Mr. Hermon Moore, Jr. visited Mrs. Hermon Moore, Sr. in Lynchburg General Hospital during the week end. He also visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Melanie and Mrs. S. G. Martin Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy Sunday afternoon.

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